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SUBJ: POLISH-U.S. HIMALAYAN EXPEDITION

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1. WARSAW, OCTOBER 1--A POLISH-AMERICAN SCIENTIFIC EXPEDITION TO THE HIMALAYAN MOUNTAINS OF NEPAL LEFT KATHMANDU SEPTEMBER 23RD TO BEGIN SOME UNUSUAL STUDIES OF INDUSTRIAL POLLUTION. THE GROUP OF SIX POLES, ONE AMERICAN AND THREE NEPALESE IS UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF DOCENT DR. ZBIGNIEW JAWOROWSKI OF THE CENTRAL LABORATORY FOR RADIOLOGICAL PROTECTION, WARSAW. THE AMERICAN RESEARCH SCIENTIST IS DR. ROBERT OAKLEY OF THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY.

2. THE PURPOSE OF THE HIGH-ALTITUDE EXPEDITION IS TO COLLECT SAMPLES OF FOSSIL ICE ON THE GLACIER WEST LANGISA FOR THE STUDY OF INDUSTRIAL POLLUTION IN MAN'S ENVIRONMENT. TOXIC POLLUTANTS EMITTED INTO
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THE ATMOSPHERE FROM NORTHERN HEMISPHERE INDUSTRIAL

CENTERS TRAVEL LONG DISTANCES ON CIRCULATING AIR
MASSES, EVEN AS FAR AS REMOTE REGIONS OF ASIA. THEY
CONTAMINATE SNOW-FORMED ANNUAL ICE STRATA ON HIMALAYAN
GLACIERS, THUS PROVIDING A MEASURABLE RECORD
OF CHANGES IN THE RATE AND CONTENT OF POLLUTION IN
MAN'S ENVIRONMENT.

3. THE POLISH-AMERICAN EXPEDITION WILL ATTEMPT TO
SECURE SAMPLES FOR A PERIOD COVERING THE LAST ONE
HUNDRED YEARS. ICE SAMPLES WILL BE EXCAVATED FROM
A 50-METER DEEP SHAFT WHICH WILL BE SUNK AT THE
ELEVATION OF 6500 METERS ABOVE SEA LEVEL. THE
EXPEDITION LANDED AT THE LANGTANG VALLEY AIRFIELD
AND WILL PROCEED TO SET UP THEIR FIELD LABORATORY AT
A BASE CAMP AT 5500 METERS ELEVATION. FROM THERE
THEY WILL PROCEED UP ONTO THE GLACIER FOR THEIR ICE
SAMPLE EXCAVATIONS.

4. THIS INTERNATIONAL EXPEDITION, WHICH PLANS TO
WORK UNTIL THE END OF OCTOBER, IS ORGANIZED BY THE
CENTRAL LABORATORY FOR RADIOLOGICAL PROTECTION, WARSAW,
IN COOPERATION WITH THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
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